

PROVISION FOR INSANE

BICKETT BILL BEFORE HOUSE

Provision for the purchase of large tracts of land and the erection of cottage buildings sufficient to make room for both white and colored mental defectives for twenty years to come.

Following is the full text of the bill introduced in the House by Mr. Bickett:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CARE OF THE MENTAL DEFECTIVES OF THE STATE.

Section 1.—That the superintendent of the State hospitals at Raleigh, Morganton and Goldsboro and four other practical business men to be appointed by the Governor, be and they are hereby made a special commission, to be known as the Hospital Commission, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.

Section 2.—Said Hospital Commission shall have power to elect its own chairman and secretary, and to fix the time and place of its meetings.

Section 3.—Said Hospital Commission is hereby authorized and directed to make additional provision for the care of the mental defectives of North Carolina along the following lines:

First. They shall buy in some healthy and convenient section of the State a tract of land containing not more than one thousand acres, and on it shall erect buildings for the care and accommodation of white epileptics and other white mental defectives whose condition is such that in the opinion of the hospital authorities they can properly and advantageously be treated in such a colony.

Second. They shall buy in some healthy and convenient section of the State a tract of land containing not more than five hundred acres, and on it shall erect buildings for the care and accommodation of colored epileptics and other colored mental defectives whose condition is such that in the opinion of the hospital authorities they can properly and advantageously be treated in such a colony.

Third. They shall purchase for the use of the State hospitals at Raleigh, Morganton and Goldsboro such additional lands, not exceeding two hundred acres for each institution, as the Hospital Commission shall deem can be wisely used in connection with said institutions.

Fourth. They shall erect on the lands so purchased for the use of said institutions, or upon the lands now already owned by said institutions, such additional buildings, either on the cottage plan or by way of increase to the present buildings, as in the judgment of the Hospital Commission shall seem best, as will be amply sufficient to meet the probable demands upon said institutions for the next twenty years.

Section 4.—That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act be and they are hereby repealed.

Section 5.—That this act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

SPORTING NEWS

Ormond-Daytona International Automobile Race

Ormond, Fla., Jan. 19.—Three five-mile events for cars of all grades and classes, a mile event for the American championship for touring cars fully equipped, and a long race, marked the real opening of the fifth annual Ormond-Daytona international automobile race on Monday morning.

The steam car race, a runaway match of it, easily distancing the single real competitor they had. Not being pushed, the car that established the five-mile record last year at 2:47.5, today was 2:44.5, making the distance.

The match race between a steam car entered as 20-horse power and a gasoline car entered at the same time proved a runaway for the steam car. The American championship for touring cars fully equipped was won by Durbin, a 20-horse power steam car in 32:25 seconds.

A quarter-mile slow race, run high speed gear, was captured by Adriance, time 1:12.5. A mile event for touring cars, carrying passengers, was won by Ralph Owen in 1:12.5. A 20-horse power steam car, with three passengers up.

Nothing herein shall be construed to invalidate any bonds issued by the State Treasurer under this act, but the fact that said bonds are issued shall be conclusive evidence and proof that it was necessary to issue them in order to carry out the work provided for by this act.

Section 11. This shall be in force from and after its ratification.

THE INSURANCE BILL. The insurance bill, introduced by Mr. Koonce, of Onslow, in the House, is as follows:

A Bill to be Entitled an Act to Prohibit Trusts and Combinations Relating to Fire Insurance Companies.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact: Section 1.—That it shall be unlawful for any two or more fire insurance companies doing business in this State, or two or more agents or representatives of fire insurance companies doing business in this State, to enter into any contract, compact or agreement, in this State, to enter into any contract, compact or agreement, looking to the maintenance of specific rates to be charged for insurance on any property located in this State.

Section 2.—That it shall be unlawful for any one or more agents or representatives of fire insurance companies doing business in this State, to enter into any contract, compact or agreement, looking to the maintenance of specific rates to be charged for insurance on any property located in this State.

Section 3.—That any fire insurance company doing business in this State, found guilty of violating the provisions of this act shall be subject to a fine not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000 and in addition thereto shall be liable to the revocation of its charter or license to do business in this State.

Section 4.—That any agent or officer of any association of agents violating the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.

Section 5.—That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act be and they are hereby repealed.

Section 6.—That this act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

FUNERAL OF JOHN COLEY. Large Crowd Attends Ceremony Over Body of Young Man Killed by Engine.

Special to The Observer. Lexington, Jan. 19.—A large crowd gathered for the funeral ceremony over the remains of young John Coley Sunday afternoon at the cemetery, the Lexington Rifles, to which the deceased belonged, were present and took part in the burial rites, using the regular form of interment with military honors. A salute was fired over the body of the young soldier, and the bugler sounded taps, making the occasion one of unusually sad interest.

Young Coley was killed Saturday by a runaway engine while at work on the Southern Railway contractors' engine in putting down the double track. The accident occurred about two miles north of Lexington. Coley was in charge of the engine and was engaged in running the train back towards Lexington when the engine jumped the track. The sudden starting of the cars caused Coley to fall between the engine and the cars, the engine falling upon him and killing him instantly.

The deceased was the son of Mr. S. J. Coley, one of the farmers in Watauga County. He was only 20 years of age.

Messrs. S. W. Finch and H. T. Phillips left this evening for an extended trip to the South. They will visit Florida and Cuba and other places, and will be away about two weeks. This session of the General Assembly will be asked to place Davidson county under the provisions of the anti-trust law. At present the Southern Express Company and other common carriers furnish a convenient dispensary for the morally stunted.

THE CARE OF THE TEACHERS

Discussing Question Proposed in Observer Editorial, the Head of the State's Educational System Points Out Scarcity of Teachers and Warns the State That Quality Will Suffer Next.

To the Editor of The Observer: In your editorial upon teacher salaries the humorous suggestion that the teachers should add "sand to their diet and kick like all - rounders" scarcely meets the case. I expect they get their due allowance of sand already in such food as comes to them, but they also get a simple folk and not much given to kicking, especially about their personal money matters. Those in the profession realize that the public has them by the throat. They cannot safely let go their ill-paid jobs to turn to other callings because after years spent in the school room, they have scant skill at any other work and must make the best of their lot.

But their quiet acceptance of the conditions under which they labor should not mislead the public. Disaster threatens not from those who teach, but from those who decline to teach. All in charge of large educational institutions see this danger and some have raised their voices in warning. For two years or more before his death, Dr. McIver let no opportunity escape to point out the grave mistake made by our people in choosing the former "kicking" for himself. Again and again he had refused offers of two or three times his salary by the State by which he held his position. He told me that his graduates could often earn more as stenographers than as teachers and he could not find fault with their choosing the former. The same is true at the University. Where 40 or 50 per cent of the graduates become teachers when the State is poorer and commercial openings were few, it is difficult to get half that number now that the State is prospering. There were over 200 applicants for teachers last year which the University was unable to fill.

While there will always be some of the brightest and best of our youths who will devote life and talents to the work of educating our people, the picture of the future is too uninviting for the portion of the very best product of our training and they turn away from the profession. It is a question of quality as well. The people understand that even now a large portion of their teachers are incompetent and yet cannot be replaced at the low wage offered, and hence much of the better part of public education is practically wasted.

Who is the loss—the teachers, the people or the children? Mustenberg has said that the State of America is the only great civilized nation known to him, which turns over the training of its children to the lowest bidder.

FRANCIS P. VENABLE. Chapel Hill, Jan. 17.

Special to The Observer. Chapel Hills to Vote on Bond Issue. Louisville, Jan. 19.—A mass meeting was held in the courthouse today to discuss the question of a bond issue to improve the county roads. The meeting was called by Representative Bickett, who presided on public sentiment with regard to the question. A large crowd was present and much speaking was done, with the result that a motion was adopted authorizing Mr. Bickett to introduce a resolution in the Legislature authorizing the commission to call an election and set the matter by a vote of the population.

Special to The Observer. New County of Fairview Project Discussed. Greenville, S. C., Jan. 19.—At the election today, the proposed new county of Fairview according to the returns received here tonight. Fourteen boxes out of a total of 30 give 56% for the new county and 30% against, but it is thought that later returns will show the vote of the opposition. The vote cast was very light. There is strong talk of a protest being filed, it being alleged that at some of the boxes men were allowed to vote without having tax receipts. The vote at Fairview, the proposed county seat, was 180 votes for the new county and none against.

MAY LIVE 100 YEARS. The chances for living a full century are excellent in the case of Mrs. Jennie Duncan, of Haynesville, Me., now 70 years of age. She is a hale and hearty old lady, and has been cured of chronic dyspepsia of 20 years standing, and made her feel as well as strong by a young girl, Electric Bitters cure stomach and liver diseases, blood disorders, general debility and bodily weakness. Sold on a guarantee by all druggists. Price only 50c.

THE DEATH RECORD. Mr. Duke Anders, of Buncombe County. Special to The Observer. Asheville, Jan. 19.—News was received here today of the death of Duke Anders, a well known citizen of that section. Mr. Anders was a bride-groom of less than a week and his death is a great shock to his many friends and to the young bride. Mr. Anders was married last Tuesday, January 15, to Miss Caron, daughter of Tom Carson, of Big Ivy. In less than two hours after the ceremony was performed Mr. Anders was taken seriously ill with pneumonia fever. He continued to grow worse until yesterday when death ensued and he quietly and peacefully passed to rest.

Mrs. Winice Blair, of High Point. Special to The Observer. High Point, Jan. 19.—Mrs. Blair, wife of Mr. Winice Blair, died last night at her home in Archdale, death being sudden and due to heart trouble. She was well and favorably known in that community.

MARRIAGES. Pfifer-Biggers, at Matthews. Special to The Observer. Matthews, Jan. 19.—Mr. J. S. Pfifer, of Charlotte, and Miss Lillian Biggers, of Matthews, were married in this place Sunday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. M. H. Hoyle. Several friends accompanied the young couple and after they were happily made one they went their way rejoicing.

ALMOST A TRAGEDY. John Turnbull, of Murphy, While Intoxicated, Butts Into a "Candy Breaking" and Fires at Young Man. Special to The Observer. Murphy, Jan. 19.—What came near being a tragedy was enacted at Regent, three miles from this place, Saturday night. Some young people had gathered for a "candy breaking" and were participating in a "candy breaking" and were just ready to begin to make merry, when the owner of the place, Henry Swain, announced his presence by a loud "halloo."

Arthur Swain, son of Henry Swain, went to the door, whereupon Turnbull demanded, "Are you not going to invite me in?" Swain said, "Yes, John, if you are not drinking, you are invited to come in." Turnbull drew his gun and said, "By G—, I'll make myself welcome," and began to cock his pistol.

Fred Royal, his brother's life imperiled, seized the gun, and after a struggle lasting several minutes, wrenching it from Turnbull, but before it was discharged twice by Turnbull. After securing the gun Fred Swain struck Turnbull over the head with it, making an ugly wound on the forehead, just at the root of the hair. Turnbull was later found in the edge taken home.

Woodmen Concert Last Night. The concert given at the city hall last night by the Woodmen of the World was a most enjoyable one to the many present. The selections, both instrumental and vocal, were all good and keenly appreciated by the large crowd which filled the hall. The attendance was surprising when the other attractions in the city last night are taken into account.

SPORTING NEWS

Four Favorites Win on the New Orleans Track.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 19.—At the Fair Grounds today four favorites won and broke records. In the fourth event Monday, at 100 to 1, finished third, while in the fifth there was no less than five 100 to 1 shots and two of 40 to 1, one of the latter coming inside the money.

First race, 6 furlongs, selling: Gold Prospect, 20 to 1, won; Blue, 12 to 1, second; Darling, 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:13.25.

Second race, 3/4 furlongs, Whisk Broom, 8 to 5, won; Lute Foster, 7 to 1, second; Blue Lee, 10 to 1, third. Time, 32.

Third race, 5 furlongs, handicap: Emergency, 5 to 1, won; Toboggan, 2 to 1, second; Moneri, 100 to 1, third. Time, 1:07.

Fifth race, mile, Oracular, 4 to 20, won; Granada, 8 to 1, second; Silver Skin, 40 to 1, third. Time, 1:40.

Sixth race, mile and a half, selling: Big Bow, 8 to 1, won; Mamie Algol, 11 to 20, second; Brilliant, 40 to 1, third. Time, 2:25.15.

Seventh race, mile, selling: Dala Storm, 30 to 1, won; Kemp Ridgely, 7 to 1, second; Lucy Marie, 7 to 2, third. Time, 1:41.25.

Pittsburg Man Wins Gold Medal at Pinehurst Golf Play. Pinehurst, Jan. 19.—George N. Morgan, of the Oakmont Club, of Pittsburg, the winner of the gold medal of the fourth annual midwinter golf tournament here today. He is of E. Prescott, of the Itraburch Club, of Newton, Mass., three strokes with a card of 94.

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